

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

It isn't that I mind housework being referred to as the "Noblest of all professions," but why is it that the farther one is removed from it, the more noble it becomes?

For instance, I heard Actress Betty Furness remark on the radio the other afternoon that her "pet peeve" was the word "housewife" in that it sounded so dull for so honorable a calling. She felt that there should be a more appealing and glamorous term for it since "Housewife" conjures up an image of a drudge.

I appreciate Miss Furness' concern but she obviously has never met me around 5 p.m.

I'm beginning to think, however, that there must be a national drive on to eliminate the word (not the work) from the vocabulary, because on all of the daytime television quiz shows the master of ceremonies will chastise the woman contestant who replies that she is "just a housewife."

"Just a housewife!" he will explode. "You have nothing to be ashamed of. Be proud you are a housewife." Who said she wasn't?

It isn't too easy to think of a replacement for the word. I know, because I tested my husband the other night by complaining that I was tired of being known as, "just a housewife."

"But you're NOT just a housewife," he comforted me. "You're ah, er, you're ah . . . just what do you do?"

One of the more popular pseudonyms is "homemaker," which the women's magazines use extensively, wherein you get a mental picture of a woman who does her housework in high heels, a shirtwaist dress, fluffy apron, an \$8 coiffure and a major in Home Ec.

Phyllis McGinley in her book, "Sixpence in Her Shoe" offers "keeper of the hearth" as a nom de plume for housewife. But frankly, that would take up too much room on all of the forms you have to fill out which ask for "wife's occupation." Besides, you might run into trouble with the Department of Internal Revenue who would send a letter to your husband asking that he list the address and zone number of "hearth where spouse is employed," plus an accounting of income and tax withheld.

There are numerous other substitutes if, indeed, "housewife" sounds too mundane. For example, "mistress of the house," which was all right in Victorian days but for obvious reasons cannot be used now. "Housekeeper" is worse than "housewife," because it implies that you get paid.

"House Mother" sounds as if you run a sorority house. "Hausfrau," just doesn't have it either.

"But maybe my son, Brian, solved everything for me when he filled in one of the information forms at school which had a blank reserved for "Mother's Occupation, If Any . . ." Seeing that I remain at home, he had written, "Unemployed."

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Miss Betty Loshioka, left, of Torrance, shows her sister, Mitzi, right, her tickets before boarding P&O Lines' Himalaya enroute to Europe. Miss Yoshioka will disembark at La Havre, visit the flood zone in Florence, Italy, and then go to Zurich, Switzerland where she will spend a year.

Emblem Club Has Party For Hospitalized Women

Ward C5 at the Harbor General Hospital was the scene of a Christmas Party given by the Gardena Emblem Club on Dec. 20.

The eighteen women patients in the tuberculosis ward are a special project of the Gardena Club. Once a month several members go to the ward to play games and serve refreshments. All prizes are donated by club members.

The first of November Mrs. Don Slemmons took a large box of materials for making decorations out to the ward and showed the women how to make wreaths, angels, bells, etc. The ward was decorated with these articles for the holiday and won the award at the hospital.

The Emblem choir sang Christmas carols and the patients and nurses joined in the songs and dances.

Mrs. Gemo Yakubovsky gave a special reading of "The Night Before Christmas," and Mmes. Frank Duncan, president of the

Emblem Club, and Patrick Ditonto demonstrated a new dance sensation.

Each patient was presented with five presents and refreshments of ice cream, Christmas cake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Robert Winkler, second vice president and hospital chairman, was assisted by Mmes. Lee T. Portis, Erwin Popp, Patrick Ditonto, Harold Brown, William Saylors, Raymond Niles, Frank Duncan, Richard Keenan, Marge Haines, Gemo Yakubovsky, William Sims and Don Slemmons.

Mrs. Don Slemmons was stunningly garbed as Mrs. Santa Claus and received a tremendous ovation.

Christmas Party For Arts-Craft

The Arts and Crafts Club, one of Torrance's oldest social clubs, was entertained at its annual Christmas party on Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave. Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass of Santa Barbara was co-hostess.

Guests arrived bringing canned foods to fill baskets for the needy.

A gift exchange around the decorated Christmas tree was held and "secret sisters" were revealed.

The hostesses served a prime rib dinner at tables festive in the holiday decor.

Together for the holiday celebration were Mmes. Maybel Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Rolive Bever, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Lela Everly, Hazel Fossum, Vena Hamilton, Ruth Hardin.

Also, Mmes. Ruth Kilgore, Mary McDonald, Zelma Miller, Ruth Mohler, Charlotte Outcalt, Addie Parks, and Hazel Ward.

Holiday Guest

Arriving Christmas Eve from Portland, Oregon was Mrs. Anna M. Wilkinson, who is spending the holidays with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson and children, Bruce, Gregory, and Kimberly, 19509 Hinsdale. The family attended a Christmas Day dinner at the home of Mrs. Wilkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gorrell in San Marino.

Assemblyman Chapel Announces New State Committee

Charles Edward Chapel, Republican member of the Assembly, 46th District, has appointed the following eight people to the Republican State Central Committee, to serve for a period of two years:

Mrs. Marlene G. Barkley (Mrs. Richard J. Barkley), 7453 Henefer Avenue, Los Angeles 45; Mrs. Anna A. Pick (Mrs. Richard A. Pick), 540 Marine, Manhattan Beach; Mrs. Maxine C. Blakeman (Mrs. Roland C. Blakeman), 528 Richmond, El Segundo; Mrs. Gene H. Zygmunt (Mrs. Arthur L. Zygmunt), 135 Calle Mayor, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Verna D. Mattox (Mrs. Tilden Mattox), 22647-B Nadine Circle, Torrance; Mrs. Mary Ann Basler (Mrs. John M. Basler), 2320 Via Pinale, Palos Verdes Estates; Mr. Francis C. Gregory, 27563 Longhill Drive, Palos Verdes Estates; and Mrs. Julia S. Ayres (Mrs. David B. Ayres), 700 Avenue "D," Redondo Beach.

Assemblyman Chapel explained that the first duty of his appointees will be to attend the meeting of the

Melville's Host Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. John Melville were hosts at a family dinner on Christmas Day at their home on Merrill Dr. Their guests were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Melville, Palos Verdes; a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Neville of Torrance; a daughter, Margo Melville; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Polach of Eureka, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brunner of Torrance.

Republican State Central Committee which will begin at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1967, in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 16th and J Streets, Sacramento, and last throughout the day. The Sunday meeting, Chapel explained, is in accordance with the Elections Code of California.

At the January 15 meeting, Chapel added, the members of the Republican State Central Committee

will elect the new State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, and other officers, and will transact such other business as may be necessary.

Chapel said that all of his appointees are active leaders in the social, philanthropic, religious and educational organizations of their communities. He described them as "one great gentleman and seven great ladies."

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